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Honorable William L. Dawson
Chairman, Committee on Government Operations
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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In the absence of the Director I am replying to your letter of July 18, 1955, which asks for certain information with regard to each consultant, employee hired without compensation, and employee hired at a nominal compensation. This Agency has no employees serving without compensation or with only nominal compensation. With regard to the utilization of consultants by this Agency, I find myself in a difficult position between the desire to inform you fully and my statutory responsibility for protection of intelligence sources and methods.

The majority of the consultants and experts utilized by this Agency are engaged in aiding on highly classified projects, the security of which would be compromised if their association were known, and many of them themselves would not wish their association with the Government to be publicized. Hence, I am unable to respond with the requested history of individual cases, but will give as fully as possible a summary of our experience. If you yourself wish to discuss any individual cases, we would be glad to give you the information verbally.

In responding to the numbered paragraphs of your letter, our files indicate the following information:

1. Since 1 January 1955 to date we have employed a total of _____ consultants and experts, of which _____ are presently under contract to serve us as the need arises;

2. Of the total employed since 1 January 1955, _____ were paid compensation and _____ were not. Of the _____ presently under contract, _____ are subject to compensation and _____ are to receive no compensation;

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